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Reps. Stone, Tymniak Named to Key Committees



State Rep. John "Jack" Stone, R-134th, has been named ranking member of the legislature's Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, and State Rep. Cathy C. Tymniak, R-133rd, was appointed ranking member of the Banks Committee, as the state legislature convened a new two-year term.

Both Reps. Stone and Tymniak will serve on of the legislature's budget-writing Appropriations Committee. Rep. Stone also will be a member of the Public Health Committee, and Rep. Tymniak will be a member of the Government Administrations and Elections Committee.

Rep. Stone said, "This will be a challenging year with the opportunity to accomplish some very positive things in a bipartisan way," said Rep. Stone. "I look forward to working with the new Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, coordinating the efforts of state and local agencies. Balancing the state budget will be a major focus, with a projected \$1.3 billion deficit plus increasing pressures from various programs such as education."

Rep. Tymniak said, "I look forward to serving on these committees to which Minority Leader Robert Ward has appointed me and working to meet the challenges that the 2005 session will present. The renewal and restoration of faith in government will be a prevailing goal as I address the issues which face the state."